

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Members Present:** Councillors M Thomas (Chairperson), B Hallam, A Belgrove, R Settle and the Clerk

**Members of the Public Present:** County Councillor R Hazelton  
Parish Councillor I Lowe (Dunchurch)

1. **Apologies** — An apology was received from Councillor T Thomas due to illness
2. **Declaration of Interests** — None
3. **Questions from the Public** - None
4. **Minutes** on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Hallam the minutes of the meeting on 15 November 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
  - 5.1 **Affordable Housing**— Parish Council is to look again into identifying possible sites for Affordable Housing in Willoughby.
6. **County Councillor R Hazelton update on Issues**
  - 6.1 **A45— Car Wash** — Drainage system now in place at this location. Highways Department to "power jet" the two drains under the Old Railway Bridge to prevent flooding.
  - 6.2. **Woolscott Lane** — Hedges now cut back between the Pumping Station and the Grandborough Border. Surfaces to be 'parried off' one side to make the road less dangerous (uneven surfaces).
  - 6.3 **A426 — Dunchurch to Dravcote Turn** County Councillor R Hazelton reported 32 casualties in the last year on this stretch of road— improvements are under consideration.
  - 6.4 **Straight Mile (Garden Centre to Born-ton Turn)** Now closed due to serious edge damage from heavy Ionics.
  - 6.5 **Sub-Station A45** Enforcement Officer has visited on several occasions and the owner has up to 21 January to apply for storage permission— at this stage Officer will look at building.
  - 6.6 **Daventry Road Dunchurch** Double Yellow Lines have now been laid down one side of this road.
  - 6.7 **7.5 Tonne Restriction** Councillor R Hazelton informed that over 100 lorries used Willoughby as a short cut from Sawbridge to the A45 during the Christmas period. Checks are to be made to see if the correct signage is in place at all junctions.
  - 6.8 **St Cross Hospital** Birch Ward is still open for elderly patients with medical problems during this winter period.
  - 6.9 **A45 Café** County Councillor R Hazelton to chase the Enforcement Officer in regard to "Hydro Fans Direct" using part of the site at the Café for

business purposes.

6.10 **Dunchurch Library** — Parish Councillor 1 Lowe (Dunchurch) advised the Council that Dunchurch Library had been saved from closure and is being run by 100 plus volunteers at present. To assist with costs the Office of Dunchurch Parish Council has been moved into the Library.

County Councillor R Hazelton and Parish Councillor I Lowe left the meeting.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

7.1 **Navigation Bungalow** — Decision awaited from Planning Committee

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 **Crime Figures** — The Learn Valley Police Report for December 2011 was presented to the meeting — it included theft from a motor vehicle in Woolscott on 19 December 2011.

8.2 **Over 60's Christmas Lunch** — The Over 60's Christmas lunch had taken place at The Rose Inn on 3 December with 63 people attending. The event was made possible thanks to a most generous donation from the Willoughby Charity.

8.3 **Salt Bins** — On the proposition of Councillor Settle seconded by Councillor Belgrove it was agreed to replace the Salt/Grit bin at the junction of Shar Lane and Brickhill Lane.

8.4 **ROSPA** — Council agreed to request ROSPA to conduct a Playground/ Equipment inspection in September. Clerk to arrange.

8.5 **Hedges** As no reply had been received from the resident of 70 Main Street the council is to request Rugby Borough Council to follow up the cutting back of the hedge fronting this property.

9. 9.1 **Village Pond** — nothing to add

9.2 **Playing Field** — On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belarove it was agreed to continue with S Hartwell for the mowing of the Playing Field and Village Verges. It was also agreed that the Parish Council undertake the financial responsibility for mowing of the Churchyard — as yet no Contractor had been appointed.

9.3 **Village Seats** — Council agreed to ask Mr G Rigby to add the bench dedicated to Mrs Marlow (by the pond) to his list of seats to be repaired and renovated. Clerk to arrange.

9.4 **Conservation Issues**

9.4.1. The Chairperson is to research the possibility of the Village being listed as a Conservation area.

9.4.2. **Councillor Belgrove** is to look into the procedures required to progress a property on to a Preservation listing.

9.5 **VACC Report** The Chairperson outlined the present situation in relation to the Planning Application for a Crematorium off Moor Lane — he advised the meeting that the Planning Application could go to Planning on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. VACC is to look into arranging transport for villagers to attend the meeting when held. The application is being objected to by WCC Highways Department, The Environment Agency, WCC County Archaeology and does not comply with Rugby Borough Council Core Strategy CS1.

9.6 **Sub-Station — Magdalen Road** — The Council is to raise with EMEB

the poor state of maintenance around this Sub-Station and request a tidy up of vegetation etc.

9.7 **Street Lighting** The Street light that was knocked off the telegraph pole near the "Rose Inn" by a lorry has been replaced and is operational again.

9.8 **Neighbourhood Watch** — Councillor Settle is to follow up with the re-introduction of Neighbourhood Watch into the Village — additional volunteers are still welcome.

9.9 **Village Plan** — A revised edition of the Willoughby Parish Plan Survey was presented to the Council by the Chairperson—this is to be considered by Councillors for the next meeting. Councillor Settle to approach her daughter as to ideas on presentation and style.

9.10 **Playing Field Extension** — Clerk was asked to contact the owner of the land adjacent to the Playing Field to ascertain the latest information for follow up\_

9.11 **Allotments** — Councillor M Thomas informed the meeting that provisional e-mails had been exchanged with Mr O Marlow in regard to making the area behind the Village Pond an allotment site.

9.12 **Footpath R249 & R249A** A temporary bridge has been constructed on Footpath R249 just Willoughby side of the border with Braunston. The Countryside Access Team have however backed down on their promise to replace the stiles on footpath R249A — the Clerk was asked to contact them and point out the dangerous state of the first stile on Footpath R249A.

9.13 **Playing Field Entrance** — Councillor Hallam is to look into the feasibility of installing collapsible barriers at the entrance gate to the Playing Field to prevent unauthorised access by vehicles.

#### 10. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

10.1 On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle following payments were approved:

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| The Rose Inn — Over 60's     | £630.00  |
| E.ON Electricity Charges     | £.120_90 |
| S.L.C.C. Subscriptions       | 61.00    |
| E.ON — Street Light. Repairs | 82.20    |

#### 11. **Urgent Business**

11.1 Scarecrow Weekend/Village Fete — Clerk to arrange meetings of Scarecrow and Fete Sub-Committee in January.

11.2 **Conservation Issues (not covered by 99.4)** - The Parish Council is to raise with the owners of The Red House and 7 Brooks Close the overhanging of the hedges over the pavements — they are also to raise with the Highways Department the protruding manhole cover outside the "Old Smithy" and the breaking up of the pavement outside 11 Brooks Close\_

12. **Date of Next Meeting** — Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Parish Clerk .....  ..... Chairperson 

Date ..... 21/2/12 .....